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COVID-19 DAILY CHART

Bugün Yapılan Test Sayısı Test Conducted Today	7001
Bugün Saptanan Pozitif Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases Confirmed Today	44
Ülke Dışından Gelen Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases From Abroad	-
Karantınada Pozitifleşen Temaslı Vaka Sayısı Contact Cases That Became Positive In Quarantine	7
Bugün Saptanan Yerel Vaka Sayısı Positive Local Cases Confirmed Today	37
İyileşip Bugün Taburcu Edilen Hasta Sayısı Patients Recovered Today	24
Bugün Kaybedilen Hasta Daily Deaths	-

COVID-19 GENEL DURUM

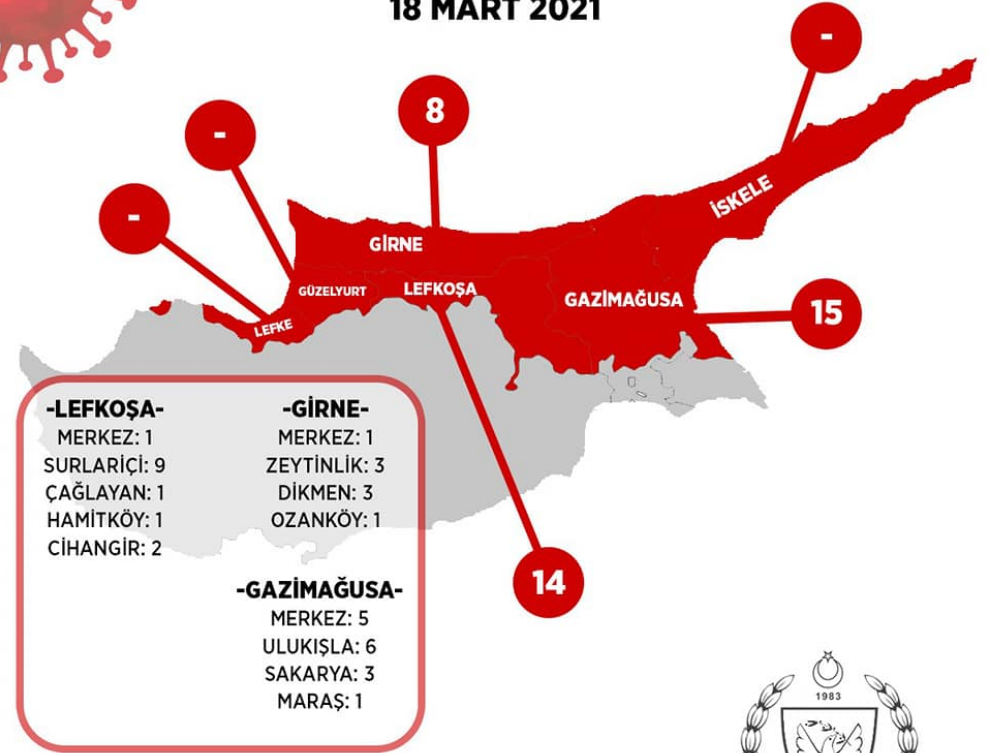
COVID-19 GENERAL SITUATION

Yapılan Toplam Test Sayısı Tests Conducted in Total	652,514
Toplam Vaka Sayısı Positive Cases Confirmed in Total	3957
İyileşip Toplam Taburcu Edilen Hasta Sayısı Patients Recovered and Discharged in Total	3533
Tedavisi Devam Eden Vaka Sayısı Patients Receiving Treatment	400
Pandemi Merkezindeki Hasta Sayısı Patients Receiving Treatment in Pandemic Center	60
Pandemi Otellerinde Takip Edilen Vaka Sayısı Cases Receiving Follow Up at Pandemic Hotels	338
Toplam Kaybedilen Hasta Sayısı Deaths in Total	24
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CHANGES TO CURFEW / LOCKDOWN

From Monday 15th March – Monday 22nd March

The night-time curfew between 9 pm and 5 am has been extended to include Saturdays.

All businesses and activities, except for pharmacies, petrol stations, bakeries (production only) livestock and related enterprises will continue to be closed on Sunday 21st March..

From Monday – Saturday: Markets will be open between 8 am and 8 pm. (Including Saturdays) Retail and merchandising services (except supermarkets and workplaces supplying all sectors) will be open between 10 am and 8 pm.

Establishments that will remain

closed: – Theatres and cinemas, performance centres, concert halls, engagement/wedding halls, casinos, bars, tavernas, all kinds of game halls, swimming pools, gyms and indoor sports halls, massage parlours, spas, open buffet restaurants, night clubs, clubs, Turkish baths and saunas.

All businesses and activities that are not stated implicitly may be open. Decisions on whether or not to open closed sectors will be discussed and announced next week according to case numbers.

Movement between districts will continue to be carried out under the control of District Police Boards.

Public transport will be allowed to operate at 50 per cent capacity. Seats behind drivers will be left empty.

Due to the higher infection rate in Girne and Lefkosa, public transport

services will only be allowed to operate within their own districts.

Restaurants, cafes, and coffee shops are currently allowed to serve sit-in customers during the week in outdoor seating areas.

A decision whether or not to allow restaurants to serve sit-in customers indoors will be made following evaluations to be made by the Higher Committee for Infectious Diseases later this week.

Individual and non-contact training for sports activities is permitted.



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Countries and Travel Applications : COVID 19 Risk Categories

It has been decided to evaluate the countries previously divided as A,B, and C according to their risk categories, as only one risk category since 01.12.2020. Due to the increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and mutation of the virus in some countries, the TRNC Ministry of Health has decided to apply some additional measures and expand the restrictions in accordance with the decisions of the Contagious Diseases High Committee.

According to the statement of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation, a new NOTAM has been issued to expand flight restrictions due to the mutation of the coronavirus in some countries. According to the NOTAM, it has been deemed appropriate to expand flight restrictions on the passengers from United Kingdom, Netherlands, Denmark, Brazil and all African countries to enter the TRNC. Accordingly, those who have been in the last 14 days in Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Komoros, Congo Democratic Republic, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Esvantini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Sahara, Somaliland, Canary Islands, Cauta, French South and Antarctic Islands, Madeira, Mayette, Melilla, Soberanya, Reunion, Pelagie Islands, Sokatra, Saint Helena

Ascension and Tristan da Cunha; on the condition of being a TRNC citizen, having a TRNC citizen mother or father, establishing a business in the TRNC, having a residence and work permit, studying at universities in the TRNC, being a landlord, tenant in the TRNC, or having spent 6 months of the last 12 months in the TRNC, will be able to enter into the TRNC but they will remain in quarantine for 14 days.

7 days quarantine period for the countries other than those mentioned above has been increased to 10 days.

Those who enter our country from abroad, provided that they submit the negative PCR test result made in the last 3 days, will be subject to quarantine for 10 (ten) days and PCR tests will be performed at the end of their quarantine period. PCR test results will only be accepted in Turkish and English languages. The passengers who come from Turkey to the TRNC have the obligation to present a QR code on their PCR test results.

All tests and quarantine fees will be covered by the passengers entering the country, whether they are TRNC citizens or not. Persons who want to enter the country will be able to fly after presenting a receipt they will receive by paying the relevant fees into the account numbers below. Airline companies will not accept passengers to the aircraft unless they submit their receipts.

However quarantine fees will not be requested from the following persons:

A) Army members who have been reinstated to their duties in Cyprus,
B) Foreign students studying at

TRNC universities,
C) TRNC citizen students studying abroad,
D) Those who receive social aid and disability pension,
E) Patients and their attendants referred with the decision of the Health Board,
F) Those who come to our country from the Republic of Turkey for official duties,
G) Those who have duty from the TRNC for official overseas visits,
H) Children in the 0-5 age group (also PCR tests will not be requested from this age group).

Bank account numbers and IBAN numbers to which quarantine fees will be deposited:

Recipient Name: TRNC Ministry of Finance
Recipient Address: TRNC Ministry of Finance, Lefkoşa-TRNC

Bank Address: Şht. Mustafa Ahmet Ruso Street No:11 Küçük Kaymaklı Lefkoşa TRNC
TC ZİRAAT BANK

TL
ACCOUNT NO: 40298710-5001
IBAN:
TR290001000860402987105001

USD
ACCOUNT NO: 40300032-5001
IBAN:
TR470001000860403000325001

EURO
ACCOUNT NO: 40298710-5002
IBAN:
TR020001000860402987105002

GBP
ACCOUNT NO: 40298710-5004
IBAN:
TR450001000860402987105004

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

For 10 days quarantine:	3.050TL	444USD	369EURO	324STG
For 10 days quarantine for each second person over 5 years old to stay in the same room in addition to the first person:	1.400TL	204USD	170EURO	149GBP
For 14 days quarantine:	4.100TL	597USD	496EURO	436GBP
For 14 days quarantine for each second person over 5 years old to stay in the same room in addition to the first person:	1.800TL	262USD	218EURO	192GBP



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Ertuğruloğlu : We want Israel to treat both sides equally

Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu attended a live broadcast on Israeli state television and stressed that they want Israel to treat both sides equally on the Cyprus issue.

Ertuğruloğlu attended “The World Today” program on channel KAN 11 and answered questions regarding the Cyprus problem, the importance of motherland Turkey’s support and relations with the Israeli government.

Mentioning that the Cyprus issue is a national cause for the Turkish nation, Minister Ertuğruloğlu stressed that they defend the Cyprus issue with Turkey and wanted the Israeli government to treat both sides equally on the Cyprus issue.

Upon a question whether a united Cyprus goal has been ended or not, Ertuğruloğlu said that there is only one reason of the deadlock continuing for 50 years. “The negotiations were between two unequal sides. While the Greeks Cypriots are treated as the so-called Republic of Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriots are treated on a

different status than they should be.” Ertuğruloğlu emphasised.

Furthermore, pointing out that it should be remembered that the Turkish Cypriot side and the Greek Cypriot side were two equal political partners of the 1960 Cyprus Republic, Ertuğruloğlu reminded that the relationship between the Turkish Cypriot side and the Greek Cypriot side was established on the basis of political equality and that this relationship was not a minority-majority relationship.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu also stressed that the legitimacy of the 1960 Republic is based on the continuation of the relationship between two political equal partners.

Ertuğruloğlu said, “Neither the Greek Cypriot side nor the Turkish Cypriot side can claim that they are the only legal representative of the 1960 Republic of Cyprus by excluding the other partner, but that’s exactly what has happened”.

During the interview, upon a question regarding the presence of

the flags of Turkey and the TRNC at Ertuğruloğlu’s office and why Ankara’s support is important for them, Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu mentioned that the Cyprus problem is being evaluated together with Turkey due to the fact that it is not only the national cause of the Turkish Cypriots but it is also the national cause of the Turkish nation.

Ertuğruloğlu said “We assess the Cyprus problem with motherland Turkey and are continuing with their support.”

Upon a question regarding how he foresees the relationship between the TRNC government and the Israeli government in the future, Ertuğruloğlu emphasised that they want to have good relations with the Israeli government.

Stating that they wish for a better relationship between the TRNC government and the Israeli government, Ertuğruloğlu said that he visited Israel several times and that Israel is an important and special country not only for the Turkish Cypriots but also for the whole Middle East and the international community.

Emphasising that they expect Israel to treat both sides equally in the Cyprus problem, Ertuğruloğlu concluded as follows:

“You asked about the future of the Cyprus problem. The truth is that this depends on the international community correcting its past mistake and treating the two partners on the island equally.

In addition, as long as the insistence on referring to the Greek Cypriot side as the so-called “Republic of Cyprus” and the Turkish Cypriot side as the so-called “separatist ethnic group” continues, reaching a solution will not be possible at the negotiations, it is this inequality that prevents a solution in Cyprus.

In this context, our expectation from the State of Israel is not treating one of the former partners in Cyprus as a “state” and the other one as a “society”, but rather treating both of them equally.”

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Ergun Olgun met with Russian Ambassador Stanislav Osadchiy

President Ersin Tatar's Special Representative Ergün Olgun stated that the negotiations, which have been continuing and have collapsed for more than half a century, serve not to solve the Cyprus issue, but to preserve the status quo, which is used as an excuse for the Turkish Cypriot people to live under isolation by leaving them without status.

Olgun had a meeting with the Ambassador of the Russian Federation, Stanislav Osadchiy on Friday (12/3/21). According to the information given by the Presidency, the meeting took place at the request of Ambassador Osadchiy to learn of the position of

the Turkish Cypriot side before the 5+UN informal meeting upon the call of UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

Ergün Olgun expressed to the Russian Ambassador at the meeting that the vision of the Turkish Cypriot side at the current stage is the most rational way to solve the problem in a sustainable way and cooperate on the basis of the fundamental sovereign equality of the parties.

Olgun underlined that ensuring and protecting the balance of the two states on the island with sovereign equality and equal international status will bring cooperation,

stability and security to both the island of Cyprus and the fragile region.

Ergün Olgun stated that the Turkish Cypriot side will attend the 5+UN meeting sincerely and

constructively, and will share a vision of consensus and cooperation with the participants with the same attitude.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Tatar received Beever

President Ersin Tatar received the Australian High Commissioner Samuel Beever. According to the statement from the TRNC Presidency, President Tatar explained the Turkish Cypriot side's new policy and its importance for sustainable stability and cooperation. President Tatar pointed out that for building trust between the sides the unjust embargoes on the Turkish Cypriot side should be lifted.

The President also touched upon the tension in the Eastern Mediterranean and reminded that Turkish Cypriots have legitimate rights on the natural resources in the region. President Tatar underlined that the international community should stop the discrimination against the Turkish Cypriots and stated that the Turkish Cypriot side is continuing preparations for the 5+UN meeting in a constructive and sincere manner.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Tatar received Catalano

President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar received French Ambassador Salina Grenet-Catalano at the Presidency.

President Tatar emphasised the vision of the Turkish Cypriot side on the Cyprus issue which is based on sovereign equality and cooperation between the Greek Cypriot side for peace and stability in the region. President Tatar underlined the importance of the contribution of France, which is a

United Nations (UN) Security Council Permanent Member, for the Turkish Cypriot side to be treated equally in the international area. President Tatar stated that the Turkish Cypriot side is going to argue the vision of sovereign equality in Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean for a sustainable solution and cooperation in the upcoming 5+UN informal meeting.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Tatar: 'We will continue to fight against the sports embargoes'

At the meeting with the Cyprus Turkish Football Association Board of Directors held at the presidency, President Ersin Tatar said that they will continue to

fight against the unjust sports embargoes.

According to the statement made by the Presidency of the Turkish

Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Tatar underlined that great injustice has been made with the sports embargoes imposed on the Turkish Cypriot people and youth because of the vetoes of the Greek Cypriot side for many years.

President Tatar pointed out that there are capable and successful Turkish Cypriot young people who can participate in international tournaments in every

sports branch and that they will continue to struggle against these unjust sports embargoes for youth and for the future. President Tatar added that the TRNC Presidency is carrying out important work on the matter and they will be voicing the unjust embargoes at a higher level.

Source: TRNC **Public Information Office**



Prime Minister Saner reacted to USA statement

Prime Minister Ersan Saner criticised the statements of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee regarding the solution of the Cyprus problem.

Prime Minister Saner underlined that by saying the US supports a federal solution in Cyprus, Antony Blinken is wrong, and he added that if the new government is choosing a Greek-Greek Cypriot

sided policy for Cyprus they are making a mistake.

The Prime Minister said 'The federal solution option collapsed in Crans Montana in 2017. It is obvious that the Greek Cypriot side does not accept the sovereign equality of the Turkish Cypriots and they want to eliminate the guarantorship of Turkey which is crucial for the Turkish Cypriots. It is impossible to reach a solution with this approach'. Saner added

that the US must consider the fact that the Greek Cypriots are responsible for the deadlock in Cyprus by rejecting all of the possible solutions in the past and it

is time to talk about the new alternatives.

Source: TRNC **Public Information Office**



EU is not part of Cyprus negotiations and should not be

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu evaluated current developments to the Anadolu Agency (AA) and TRT correspondents. Çavuşoğlu said that EU is not a part of the Cyprus negotiations and should not be.

Referring to the Cyprus issue, the Turkish Foreign Minister said that everyone can contribute to the solution process by putting forward their views but added that during the negotiations process the EU should not be in attendance.

"The Greek Cypriot side has unilaterally become a member of the EU contrary to international law. Up to today the EU has always supported the Greek Cypriot side and totally ignored the rights and interests of the Turkish Cypriot side. This means that symbolic negotiations have taken place and they ignored the Turkish Cypriot side" said Çavuşoğlu.

Referring to the 5+1 meeting that will be attended by the three guarantor powers of Cyprus and the United Nations, Çavuşoğlu said that the meeting had been proposed by Turkey in order to determine whether there is a basis for negotiations or not.

"If negotiations start again the EU will continue to be an observer" he said.

Çavuşoğlu noted that the negotiations were being held under the auspices of the UN and the EU had taken part in previous negotiations with an observer status.

Source: TRNC **Public Information Office**



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Water, water everywhere and I can't swim!



By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

Lately, I was reading some news stories about those adventurers who sailed around the world. In different periods of time, there are many people who have crossed all the oceans of the world. What makes it more important and fascinating for me is that they did it single-handedly.

Being alone in a boat, size doesn't matter, for a period running over months, with water all around, is something that not everyone can bear easily. Even just thinking about that makes me shudder. That's really interesting, but at the same time, I find inside myself a desire to go after such an adventure.

I wonder what all those who accomplished such an exceptional feat had been through. Of course, they all did it with the help of some sponsor, but even then, such an adventure can never be declared free of all risks. There indeed are enormous risks involved, which all of these brave men and women went through.

However, returning back to the realities of life, I accept that there stands no chance for me to have such an adventure. The first reason is that I do not even know how to swim. Honestly speaking I have never been too serious about going

to learn to swim. Whenever I go to the beach with the family, I do not go far into the sea. I just play in the water. I act like I am swimming, but in fact, I do not, because I cannot. My children can swim and they are quite good at it, and they repeatedly offer their help to teach me to learn to swim.

Many people say swimming is not very difficult. The most difficult thing with swimming however is the first step. But unfortunately, it is this first step that I have not been able to take.

Returning back to the original topic, there are many people who

were not adventurers. They never went for a sponsored expedition. But it is their fate that on one fine day they found themselves in a boat, all alone, in the middle of the sea. Yes, they were the people who passed through that ordeal, after either their vessel was waterlogged or became unusable. I read about

the stories, where many of them had to pass through long painful days drifting here and there, all alone, for days.

Yes, they were the people who really experienced the saying 'water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink'.



Photo by mali maeder on Pexels.com



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KAR - News Update



Original Facebook message - URGENT HELP PLEASE!!

We arrived at our rescue centre this morning to find that our very old fridge freezer had finally given up working and is beyond repair. It is used to keep medications for the animals and blood test samples fresh so is an absolute necessity. Is there anyone out there who has a fridge freezer in good working order they no longer want/need? We would gladly take it off your hands and can arrange to pick it up from you too. We are not in a financial position to replace this so your donation would be very gratefully received. Please email our office on kartrnc@gmail.com or call them on 0533 869 4098 Monday to Friday mornings from 9am to 1pm if you can help us. (Photo is for guidance and illustration purposes only)



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

What a week we've had at the rescue centre with not 1 but 2 fridges giving up the ghost but what amazing supporters and friends we have!! First our vet room fridge/freezer stopped working. We keep all the medications and blood samples for the animals in here so a replacement was urgently requested on Facebook. We received notification from Lisa Wright (North Cyprus Expats Uncut Version page Admin) that she had been given a fridge/freezer from Patricia Smith from Bahceli to be donated to anyone who really needed it and we picked this up today. **So our first Thank You goes out to Patricia and Lisa** for thinking of us in our hour of need. Then our pet food fridge decided it too had had enough and wasn't going to work anymore. This is used to keep any special dietary requirements for our animals fresh so again a replacement was needed as soon as possible. We didn't dare ask for 2 fridges in one week. However Sue Gilbert spotted a fridge on Facebook Sales and asked if we wanted it. Of course we said yes. It couldn't have come at a better time even if we'd planned it. Sue very kindly paid for this for us. **So our second Thank You goes out to Sue** for her kind generosity. All the while we were receiving emails, messages and telephone calls from supporters asking what they could do to help us. One gentleman, Anthony Velevitch, upon hearing we had replaced the fridge/freezer but that many of our freezers were on their "last legs" and unlikely to make it through the summer, kindly donated funds to cover the cost of a brand new chest freezer. **So our third Thank You goes out to Anthony and his family.**

We are so very grateful to all our supporters for everything they do to help us especially in these difficult times. With all charities and some individuals finding it almost impossible to keep their heads above water it is times like this we really do appreciate you all.

So as well as our 3 special Thank You today we would like to Thank every one of you that helps us by Adopting, Sponsoring, Donating, Volunteering, Educating and Sharing our posts. We couldn't look after the 300+ animals in our Rescue Centre without you!

THANK YOU



PROCESSIONARY CATERPILLARS

It's that time of year again when the processionary caterpillars are out and about migrating from their winter nests (seen in pine trees) to underground where the chrysalis is formed. If your pet has been in contact with processionary caterpillars, you may see the following:
The animal appears nervous
Their lips, mouth, and tongue itch, or swollen
When there has been contact with the inside of the mouth, they salivate more than usual, and swallow too quickly
If your pet swallows a pine processionary caterpillar, the consequences can be even worse: in some cases it might cause inflammation of the larynx. That would compromise breathing, and lead possibly to the death of the animal. Please watch out for these and seek vet treatment if necessary.

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KAR - News Update



HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!!

Not wanting to be left out of special occasions we thought we'd share with you our very own **Patrick** (actually he's called **Paddy** but we're all allowed a bit of poetic licence now and then).

Paddy came into our rescue centre in February 2013 with two siblings both of whom sadly died. He is a friendly, loving and energetic boy who loves lots of attention. He is currently living with his kennel mate Jenny.

If you have room in your heart and in your home for Paddy please email our office on kartnc@gmail.com. Hopefully with the easing of restrictions it won't be too much longer before we can re-open the rescue centre and you can come along and see all our beautiful animals all waiting for their furever homes.



SHANTY TOWN DOGS/FREEDOM SANCTUARY THANK KAR FOR HELP NEUTERING THEIR DOGS

Post by Jeremy Muncer - 18th March

Shantytown Dogs / Freedom Sanctuary : Before Shantytown dogs disappear, both Michael and I are extremely grateful for the support given to us by everyone. This also includes; Kyrenia Animal Rescue, without whose help, we couldn't have got the dogs neutered; Freedom Sanctuary for allowing us to use their land; Hope4Pets for their support and Robert Astley who was always happy to give advice.

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Girne Municipality to have a new park

In the information given by Girne Municipality, with the cooperation of Girne Municipality and Denkey Başel Social Development Foundation, a protocol was signed for the construction of an unobstructed and natural life park that will allow children and Girne residents to breathe in the green area belonging to Girne Municipality on Salih Miroğlu Street. The budget of the project prepared by the Girne Municipality Urban Aesthetics branch will be financed by the Denkey Başel Social Development Foundation.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated that the project to be built in cooperation with the Municipality and the Foundation will be a good example and that the green area project, which will be named after Denkey Başel, the Special Education Teacher and School Principal who has devoted himself to Girne, will be a successful project. Güngördü expressed his gratitude to Başel Holding Chairman Burak Başel and Foundation President Barış Başel, who will ensure the financing of this project made by the Girne Municipality Urban Aesthetics Branch.

Başel Holding Chairman of the Board Burak Başel and Foundation President Barış Başel, who will meet all the expenses of the green area arrangement, have made a decision about the green area that is aimed to be organised with completely unimpeded and natural materials in a way that allows everyone access, and all Girne residents will be given this opportunity.

The green area, which is aimed to be completed in a short time within the scope of the protocol signed, will be named after Denkey Başel, who devoted himself to children with special needs, youth and with folklore and theater formations affiliated to the Municipality and the development of Girne.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



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Cyprus Birds find lovely homes in four TRNC Villages



By Heidi Trautmann
www.heiditrautmann.com ...

In these unpleasant and hard pandemic times it is really heart-warming to follow the photo stories of children building and painting bird houses and together with their parents installing them in the trees of their garden. It is one part of the nature conservation campaign initiated by ÇADER in Çatalköy, the contents of which are very well explained by my friends and colleagues of CyprusScene under the link shown below.

Now, ÇADER has published a big poster to thank all those who have participated in the bird house campaign and it is such a positive momentum in our tired and pandemic-stricken society that I want to share it. I spoke to Irene Raab-Marancos, the project leader:

“It is important to make people aware that especially now we should not forget our environment which is suffering just as much as we. Our project met with open doors in four villages, and about 130 families were eager to install the bird houses in their garden. It is all about raising awareness for our immediate environment and its living beings, and to

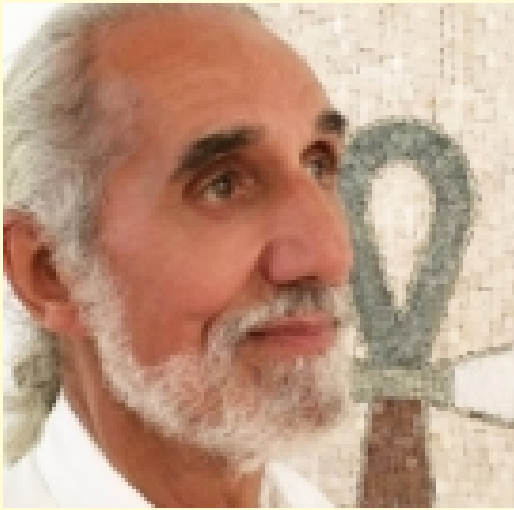
simultaneously learn more about local and migrant birds and to have the opportunity to watch nature's micro-cosmos.

Contact ÇADER if you are interested to learn more about the campaign. They can be found on facebook.

There is nothing more beautiful in the morning than to step outside into your garden and hear the birds sing their welcome song to the day.



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Poets Corner**Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary****SEASCAPES**

Look at the seascapes before your eyes,
Isn't a marvellous wonder to be alive,
See those rolling crested waves,
Oh what joy, nature has made,

Sometimes there are white horses,
Riding those waves with unknown forces,
With blue and green colour change,
All that motion to rearrange,

You can see that high wind surf,
Breaking very gently upon the earth,
Footprints planted upon the sand,
Washed away until nature's next plan,

We can't compare its great vastness,
Let's hope we always have its lastingness,
So next time it comes into your view,
Remember how you feel it's only for you,

Treasure that feeling and hold it fast,
For who knows if the seascapes will last...



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Çavuşoğlu: EU not part of Cyprus negotiations

This is a CyprusScene report based upon TRNC Public Information Office news and the thoughts of Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu can be heard here on this Podcast..



<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4cminKlr5LgTikG95D2DVM>

CyprusScene Podcast:

My journey Cyprus to Australia and a new life

The story of Eren Erdogan who left Cyprus on August 13th 1972 for a new life in Melbourne, Australia can be heard here.

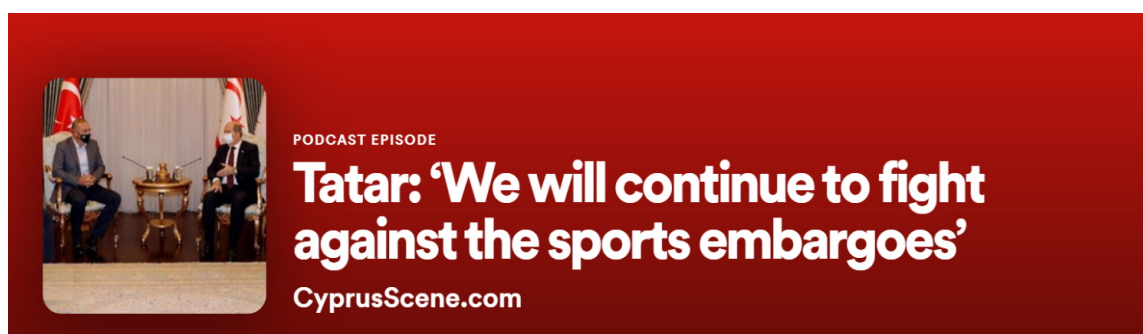


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CyprusScene Podcast:

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Hope 4 Pets - News Update



HOPE 4 PETS PET TRAVEL



Rehoming from the TRNC to the UK

The information below should be used as a guide only, and is aimed at people living in the UK who want to rehome a dog/cat to the UK from North Cyprus, which is outside the EU.

- Hope 4 Pets can deal with the paperwork FOC.
- You pay the Cargo handlers in the TRNC and the customs clearance/import company direct. Also, if paying for kennelling, this will be direct, unless discussed with H4P. Travel prep costs can be paid to the vets or might need to be paid through H4P, if it is needed in a different currency.
- Your contact in the TRNC will need to take your pet for its vet visits, purchase a crate, also to be taken to be sized for its crate and delivery to the airport on day of travel, unless otherwise arranged with H4P. Your contact would also be responsible for getting your pets serology certificate and vet book to H4P to enable us to complete the travel paperwork, at least 2 weeks prior to travel, unless other arrangements have been made with H4P.

Paper Work

As of 1st January, 2021, there is a new Veterinary certificate for the UK, and dogs/cats have to have rabies inoculations and a serology test, to enter the UK.

You have never been able to take a dog/cat into the UK from North Cyprus using an EU Pet Passport.

What is required:-

- New Veterinary certificate GBHC157X
- A valid Rabies Serology Test
- Vet book detailing all inoculations and microchip

The paperwork, vet certificate, vet book, Rabies serology test, all need to be stamped by the TRNC vet in Lefkosa. Hope 4 Pets will get all your paper work stamped and checked.

The paperwork would need to be taken to the cargo handlers at the same time your pet is measured for its crate at least 2 weeks before the flight.

Veterinary requirements

1st rabies injection and Microchip

Rabies blood test taken 30 clear days from 1st rabies injection, (bloods have to be sent to a DEFRA approved lab by the vet).

2nd rabies injection has to be 14 days after the 1st rabies injection.

Wait 3 months from the date of the rabies blood test before your dog can travel.

They will also need tape worm and flea treatments just before travel.

Example: 1st Rabies injection 30.09.2020

Rabies Blood test (30 clear days after 1st rabies injection) 31.10.2020

2nd Blood test 15.10.2020

Earliest travel date 01.02.2021

Animals do not have to be quarantined as such, they can be either in kennels or fostered until they can travel.

Flying

There is only one airline that will accept live cargo and that is Turkish Airlines, who will fly from Ercan (North Cyprus) via Istanbul, where there will be a stopover, the length of which depends on the flight. Turkish Airlines fly live cargo to Heathrow and Edinburgh.

The cargo handlers ALG Logistics will be able to give you a price by e mail once you have the weight and dimensions of both your dog and the crate.

What is required before travel:-

Your pet should have had all its rabies injections and you or your vet should have received back your rabies serology certificate. Most of the vets in the Kyrenia area of the TRNC will know what is required for your pets travel.

Your pet needs to be sized for a travel crate. You need to measure your dog, width, height and length, the crate needs to be minimum 7cm bigger than your dog, however, we try and get the crate 10cm bigger on every dimension to be on the safe side.

Example: Dog measurements are 87cm long x 32cm wide x 64cm high, minimum crate size you would need would be 97cm long x 42cm wide x 74cm high, obviously unless you have a crate made there will not be a crate that size.

In the TRNC Skudo plastic crates can be purchased at most pet shops, although it is wise to order the larger sized crates well in advance, or put an appeal out on Facebook, someone may have a 2nd hand one available. Crate prices are anything from £50.00 to £100.00 depending on size, exchange rates and availability. As per the example above this dog would need a Skudo 7 which is the largest plastic crate available in the TRNC 105cm L x 73cm W x 76cm H, in this example the width and length have plenty of room and it is the height that is the tightest measurement and gives 12cm of head room. Please bear in mind if you are transporting a dog under 12 months old it may grow, so leave it as late as possible to order your crate, but you need to have it available at last 2 weeks before your flight. If your dog is over 95 cm long and/or over 66cm high you would need to have a wooden crate made, again this can be done, but you would need to give plenty of notice.

Once your flight has been booked, (see later paragraph), your dog would need to be taken to Ercan cargo handling together with your crate ideally two weeks prior to the flight, so the cargo handlers can check your crate is the correct size for your dog, if it is not, you have

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time to buy or have a replacement made, so allow enough time to do this. Hope 4 Pets can't stress enough how vitally important it is to correctly size your dog to the crate.

Please bear in mind that if you have to have a wooden crate made, these are fixed crates, unlike the plastic crates which will come apart, and you would need a large vehicle and more than one person to load/off load the crate.

The crate does not come with a water tray, so you or H4P would need to provide one, we have used old ice cream tubs tie wrapped to the door, which works very well. We also put into the crate an old towel or crate liner. They are checked at Istanbul where they have to stay a minimum of 6 hours and are taken to the animal reception kennel facility on the airport grounds where they are taken out of their crates and fed and watered. Do not feed your dog just before travel. On the Skudo crates there is a small compartment on top of the crate, where a slip lead can be transported with your dog.

Flight - Costs for dogs/cats are based on the weight and dimensions of the crate, plus the dog's/cats weight, the smaller the animal the cheaper it will be. Unfortunately, we cannot give you an accurate cost because of the above.

Depending on what time of day your flight is, the animals have to be at the cargo handling building at least 3 hours before the flight departs.

Speak to our cargo handler ALG Logistics in the TRNC, they should be able to give you a contact no for the cargo handlers in the UK, as you also have to pay import duty, clearing of customs etc. in the UK, this price is ON TOP of the flight price. The company that ALG logistics use is a company called Airpets. They will give you a ball park figure. Also if your pet arrives late in the day, and needs to stay overnight at the animal reception centre and is picked up the following morning, then there is an additional cost. This can work out cheaper than clearing customs out of hours (after 5pm) as this also incurs an additional cost, Airpets will advise you.

Airpets will contact you on the day of travel or if staying overnight at the animal reception centre they will contact you on the day your pet is picked up via telephone/e mail, they will send you a declaration form you will need to complete and send back and a link to pay the costs by BACS or Credit card, your pet will not be released until you pay the costs. If you are personally collecting your pet from the animal reception centre, we think you can pay at the time of collection by credit card.

If you are not picking up your pet yourself and need a courier we can recommend J H Couriers details below.

Puppies/Kittens

Puppies and kittens must be minimum 12 weeks old before they start their travel vaccinations, plus the additional 4 months to allow for the Rabies Blood Test.

Checklist - If owner is in the UK

If you are in the UK, you need to make sure you have a contact/s that can help you with the travel requirements in the TRNC, that could be the person who rescued the dog, a friend or Hope 4 Pets

- Contact ALG Logistics at Ercan to get a price for travel, you will need weight and dimensions of dog and proposed crate. (Size crate as per directions above).
- Get a price for import duty from the cargo handlers in the UK – Airpets.
- Make sure your pet has either foster or kennels available for at least 4 months.

- Make sure the foster/kennels or your pets rescuer will take your dog/cat for all its travel prep at the vets
- Start your pets travel prep, rabies injections/serology.
- 3/4 weeks before travel you or your contact in TRNC need to get your pet weighed and measured). You need to purchase a crate. If under 12 months you will need to allow for growing room)
- At last 2 weeks before travel, your pet needs to be taken to Ercan to ALG Logistics to have the suitability of the crate assessed. If the crate is not suitable (too small) then a replacement crate should be purchased/made.
- Your pet needs to be taken to the vet for its last worming/flea treatment no less than 24 hours and no more than 5 days before it enters the UK.
- Your pet needs to be at Ercan Cargo Handlers 3 hours before the flight, together with crate, water bowl, tie wraps, slip lead, crate liner.
- ALG Logistics will tape all the paperwork to the outside of your pet's crate.
- On arrival in the UK your pet will be taken to the Animal Receptions Centre at Heathrow (HARC), Airpets will clear your pet through customs, and contact you to complete a declaration form and pay their invoice.
- You will collect your pet from HARC or employ a courier to do this for you.

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RUSUK say: Happy Birthday Gorby

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Happy Birthday Gorby

Most Westerners may be surprised by the depth of the emotions the average Russian attaches to Gorbachev. You may hear "His vision ended the Cold War" or "He destroyed my country!" Most spit his name without with total disdain. Perhaps he's a Rorschach test for Russians... what the blot looks like says more about the observer than it does Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev.

The Soviet people did enjoy a few benefits that Westerners never had: No matter what, you would always have a home and you would have a job. Most Russians (OK, most of the few I know) look back on the CCCP with nostalgia. People would leave their doors unlocked and there was a sense of community.

Everybody does it. We pine for the good ole days through rose colored glasses. Andy, Barney, and all our

friends in Mayberry lead lives just like we used to. Except the whole thing is fiction. Take Our Country Back! The battle cry of Trumpers desperate to keep Muslims out and the old ways alive.

It's a common reframe heard around the world. A vision of an old Soviet Union that was nothing like what many Russians falsely believe Gorby broke.

"Anyone who doesn't regret the passing of the Soviet Union has no heart. Anyone who wants it restored has no brains. Vladimir Putin "

There is a certain path that history follows. Mikhail may have fancied himself as a leader forging the future and that's true but only in that he was able to nibble around the edges. The Soviet Union didn't collapse because of Gorbachev, it would have anyway. But it is fair to give him credit for a more or less peaceful change in our shared course. Someone besides Gorbachev may well have sent the Red Army to a number of CIS States and succeeded in prolonging the Union for a few years. At the cost of blood & wars.

So Happy Birthday, Mikhail Gorbachev (2, March 1931), people my age with my accent owe you a

great deal. You will never get the credit within your own country for what you accomplished. And if I had one single birthday wish for you, it would be that you receive the recognition you rightly deserve from your own people.

The irony here is that most of the negative vile hurled at you is misplaced. Yes, there is someone who changed the course of history in a way you, Ronald, & Margret didn't intend. The world we live in now could have been so much better if Bill Clinton had stepped up. After the CCCP split, Russia needed food, material, and even money. But Clinton had domestic politics and at that time the Republican Party was hard-core anti Russian. So he did nothing; which set in motion the events we see today. Death in Syria, Dumbass, and Armenia. I do not know if it will be Baltic Republics or the new Chinese City of Vladivostok next, but we can be sure Bill Clinton's most lasting gift will continue to give and Gorbachev will continue to get the blame, at least inside Russia.

The lessons of World Wars I & II and China's Century of Humiliation have not been learned: When a major nation crashes, do not allow its people to suffer and resentment over the past to fester. They will turn to a strong leader and a powerful military. Now, people will die.

How much better would the world be today if Russia and The United States had returned to the friendship they enjoyed before the revolution? Half the wars on the planet now would never have started and I believe we would all live better lives. Our collective failure to follow Gorbachev's path has left us all a lesser people.

Gorby got the blame for our lack of vision.

Sergey



Mikhail Gorbachev: the dawn of a new Russia

This man has done truly fundamental, unthinkable ever before, changes to my country. Good changes. I'm very grateful for this. When Boris Yeltsin took power after him, he made the second step transforming Russia into better place though those two men, two statesmen, didn't like each other, to say the least.

Gorbachev was the first 'normal' Soviet leader unlike many god-like bloody assholes that usually have been ruining the country, dating almost a millennium back. What once was in 1985 and then became in 1991 are two different countries, light years away from each other.

True, he didn't want to dismantle the Soviet Union and he, surely, has committed no treason. It wasn't his fault that the USSR has broken up in December 1991. It was History. It was more like that Ronald Reagan told about him: Mikhail Gorbachev didn't understand the driving force of his country.

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He meant that basically when Gorbachev took fear out of the Soviet construction model, the whole building just went down in flames.

Yes, he took fear out and it did change the country at the price of the state: the Soviet regime. The truth is: the Soviet Union was built on this thing: he couldn't get it. God only knows what would happen to the USSR if he did. Surely, Putin regrets the fall of the Soviet Russia. I don't.

My generation has gotten so many various opportunities to live, to work, to exist in a new reality, in an absolutely new environment.

The man has set out a new era even if he wanted to only rectify things in the USSR. But things went out of control: no man would do something different. He had to resign and then managed to continue living a normal life that is unthinkable in the Russian political tradition. I don't imagine Putin becoming an ordinary citizen: he will either rule forever or go to jail soon after his exit.

He's cursed by many and he's prayed for by many.

I don't do both. I just personally thank you, Mikhail Sergeyevich, for what you did: opening doors to the world and making my country a normal country. This is irreversible.



Happy Birthday Gorby

This man remains one of my great heroes. I wrote about my feelings just over two years ago in this very blog – Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev was the person I most wanted to have interviewed. And so I do not apologise for writing a very similar essay this time.

I found it astonishing that having been brought up during the Cold War, he was the first leader of the old USSR who made me feel safe. The first leader that didn't look like he was already 90 years old, as he is today, and ready to flake out. The first leader that, instead of promoting hate and vitriol at western powers, actually did something practical to help make the world a bit of a better place.

And someone who, although I didn't know him of course, seemed like a rather nice bloke. And a Russian leader to boot!

It makes me wonder how a man who worked on collective farms in his early years, from a poor working class family, ended up studying law at Moscow State University.

I find it equally enthralling that as Russian leader, his policies of glasnost and perestroika effectively helped end the Cold War. For someone brought up on traditional communist ideology, how did that happen?

Of course, it is convenient to blame him for the breakup of the USSR, but to most of us on the outside, it's the best thing ever to have happened.

So, he may have been responsible for the collapse of the Empires of the Soviets, but all I can say is well done man. I regard you as one of the greatest reformers of the 20th century. When you, Reagan and Thatcher got together, I have never felt so safe in all my life. I will never forget that feeling. And for that, young man, I salute you. You were a real human being whilst in power, and you did what you thought best for your country, which benefited so many.

Gorby, thanks a lot mate. Happy birthday! And may you celebrate many more.

To read more from RUSUK

<http://rusuknow.com/>



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Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch are helping those in need!

Although there is hope on the horizon that in the TRNC we are doing our best to combat COVID-19 there are some less fortunate people who desperately need help and it's always good to hear of individuals or groups lending a helping hand. This week we received this news from the Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch.

Readers mail....

From Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch....

Support to KKTC Umut Dernegi Yardimlasma Grubu (Hope Association)

The Branch has been looking at supporting a small charity here in the TRNC and has selected the KKTC Umut Dernegi Yardimlasma Grubu. This charity helps local people by means of toiletries, clothing, food, white goods and toys. As a charity the Royal British Legion is very fortunate to have worldwide support, so we as a Branch and our friends would like to support those whose community we live in.

We are asking if you can assist by supplying a carrier bag or a shoe box size donation between now and the 5th April 2021, your help

would be greatly appreciated. The donations will then be given to the charity by the 10th April 2021.

What are we asking for?

We are asking for your help in supplying essential items such as toiletries, detergents and cleaning products. A box should be roughly a shoe box size or even a carrier bag. If you wish to donate nappies or baby food these can be donated in their own packaging.

What we are not asking for;

Please do not give us money, food

items (other than baby food), alcohol or cigarettes.

Where can you drop them off?

There are 4 designated places where you can drop the boxes off, we will arrange to have them collected and given to the charity.

* Lidia's Nail Salon - Karakum

* Eagles Nest Bar - Küçükörenköy

* Azant Real Estate - Alsancak

* The Olive Press - Lapta



Royal British Legion Kyrenia



Oil spill which reached Alagadi beach has been cleared

The oil that hit the Israeli and Lebanese coasts and then the northern coastline of the TRNC was from an oil spill that occurred, due to a reason that has not yet been determined, offshore in Israel. The oil has been cleared with work by the staff of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment, Department of Environmental Protection, Girne Branch, on the Alagadi coastline.

As it is known, the northern coastline which is the spawning areas of Caretta Caretta Turtles, is under the protection of the Environmental Protection Department under the Ministry of

Tourism and Environment as a special protection area.

Since it is under protection, the staff of the Environmental Protection Department are constantly inspecting and cleaning the area, and due to this oil spill, the inspections will be increased and the cleaning work required by the Environmental and Protection Department personnel will be carried out against possible new oil spills reaching our northern coastline.

Source (Turkish) : Ministry of Tourism and Environment





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Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan are helping those in need

We are so pleased to receive news from individuals and groups in the community and to hear how they are coping with these difficult times and also trying to help others and are sharing the latest news received:

From Terim Erdemlier....

Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan...

"The latest lockdown has had a devastating effect on the more vulnerable within our community. Many people have been unable to work and many families have suffered tremendous hardships. As with all clubs, RC Kyrenia Cosmopolitan has also been unable to organise events in order to raise funds and reach out to our projects, or our community. However, true to our motto "Service above self" we tried to do what we could within our abilities.

Board members decided to identify families in need, that lived within our vicinity, and purchase food shopping to donate to these families on a regular basis. This action was also opened up to our members and collectively, as a club we managed to reach out to families in need from Catalkoy, Karaoglanoglu, Karsiyaka, Lapta and Lefkosa.

We purchased food, gas cylinders, in some cases, where needed, medication and we also donated to food banks collected by other charities such as Tulips.

In times of crisis, every little helps and if we are all aware of the needs within our own vicinity and are able to reach out we can be the lifeline, the difference between a family having food or sleeping with an empty stomach."



To learn more about the Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan the link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/RCKyreniaCosmopolitan>

Levent College Science Exhibition opened online

Levent College Science Exhibition opened online on Sunday, 14th March 2021 to commemorate Albert Einstein's birthday and the death of Stephen Hawking with respect and gratitude.

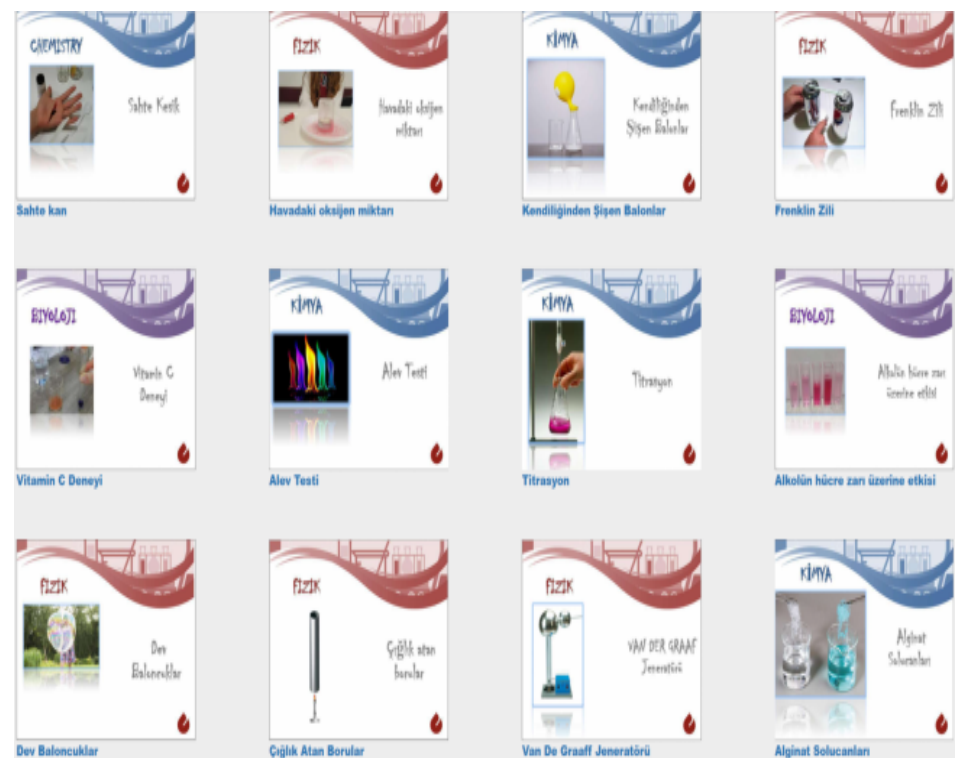
In the science exhibition, which has been organised by Levent College students and teachers with great effort and care every year since the 2007-2008 academic year, and the tradition has continued this year, 29 experiments were presented in the fields of physics, chemistry and biology, and more than 90 students played an active role. The exhibition, which aims to use the students imagination, develop their creativity and create an instinct to work with devotion, was the result

of approximately 2 months of work.

The exhibition, which was visited by more than 1000 viewers a day, gained great admiration of the visitors with their interesting discoveries, presentations and mastery of the subjects they told.

The Science Exhibition, where Levent College students present scientific experiments, can be watched online due to the pandemic process, unlike previous years. We congratulate our students who prepared all the content and website designs of the organisation and we are proud of their success.

Source (Turkish) : Levent College



To view the exhibition online the link is :
<http://sciencefair.leventschoools.org/>

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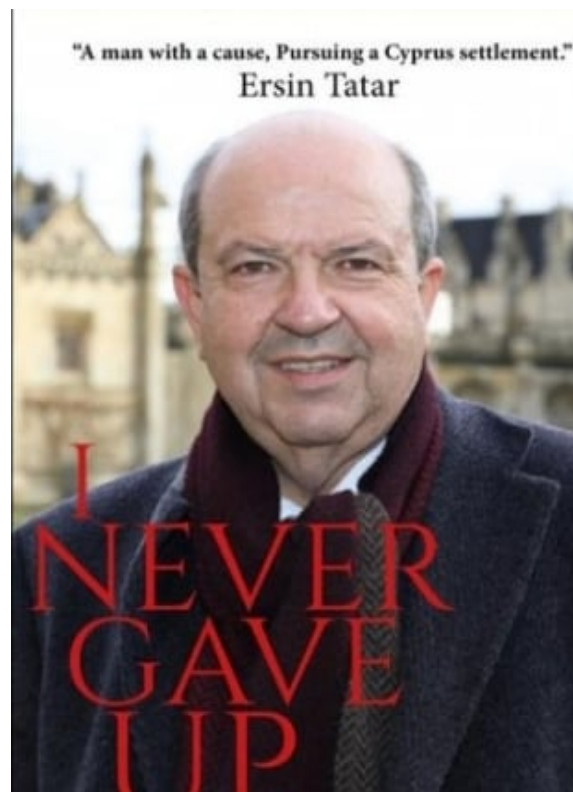
News from TULIPS

Thank you President Ersin Tatar

Tulips had a lovely surprise this week when the Best Seller Bookstore (Karakum) rang to say that President Ersin Tatar is donating the profits of his book sold in their shop to our association.

To date, 36 books have been sold with Tulips receiving **720TL**.

Our heartfelt thanks go to President Ersin Tatar for his generous donation and to everyone who purchased a book.



News from TULIPS

Thank you to Jean Meldrum

Thank you so very much for these beautiful knitted dolls, they are absolutely gorgeous.

Now we all know what you were doing during lockdown!

These are being taken to the Tulips office and distributed to the children that we care for who have cancer, if there are any left then they will be sold with all money raised going to Tulips.

Once again, a sincere thank you for your wonderful gift x



Thank you Desiree Birinci

Desiree, being unable to have her hair cut for quite a considerable time both in the UK and in the TRNC, decided that it would be a waste to throw it away so chose to donate it to Tulips to make a wig for our cancer patients.

What a huge amount of hair she had cut off as well!!

Thank you to Selami Koçaker of La Femme who also donated another cutting of hair from a previous client to also go towards making a wig.

Thank you Desiree for your valuable donation!



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InfoNorthCyprus – Food and Lifestyle

InfoNorthCyprus.com are launching a new section on their website – Food & Lifestyles, focussing on ‘all things Cypriot’. Why not take a look on the link shown below.

The new section brings together articles about a range of different subjects including nature and wildlife, books, local music, food or the latest developments on the Cyprus Dispute. Articles are grouped into topic areas, to help you find articles with a similar theme.

Melissa Emen and Caroline Houghton, the publishers of the site said ‘we wanted to create a website to showcase everything Cypriot. The idea behind the site is to create a website which brings together on a single site information about Cypriot culture, traditions, history, wildlife etc. so foreigners can learn more about the island and its unique culture and life. We want to create a platform where experts on Cyprus can share their knowledge of the island with a wide audience’.

Food & Lifestyle has sections on food and cooking of the region, including a regular series of articles about fruit and vegetables available in North Cyprus, covering what’s in season, how to prepare, the nutritional benefits and suggested recipes. There is an excellent range of fresh and tasty ingredients on the island, so why not try some new recipes yourself. Food and Lifestyle primarily focuses on Turkish Cypriot and Turkish recipes together with recipes from around the Eastern Mediterranean region, but they have included a few dishes from other cuisines which showcase the seasonal fruit and

vegetables.

There is a section on Books, covering general interest books about the region, history of the island and fiction books set in either Cyprus or Turkey. The book section also includes books by well-known writers from the region.

The music section aims to introduce those new to Turkish music to the range of styles, from traditional folk music to pop.

Cyprus has a very rich history, with influences from the many different cultures who either conquered or traded with the island. The History section, comprises a collection of articles about the history and archaeology, including regular articles on historical places of interest in North Cyprus, in particular less well-known sites.

There is a wildlife section with articles about the plants and animals of our beautiful island, including videos which take the viewer into the countryside to share its rich nature.

Cyprus traditions is a collection of articles about traditional Cypriot culture. Once the festival season re-commences they plan to share articles about local festivals and events.

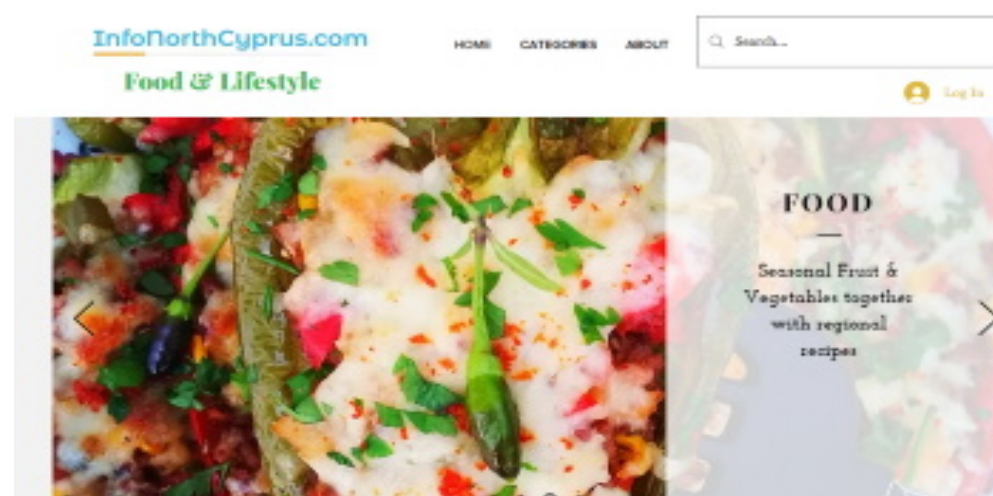
With the next round of peace negotiations about to commence, there is a section with current and some historical articles on the Cyprus Dispute.

Finally, there’s a section on Covid-19, with background articles on Covid-19, vaccines, potential medication etc. This contains articles which are outside the scope of the Covid-

19 section on the main website, but are relevant to those living or connected to North Cyprus.

Food & Lifestyle is an interactive, blog-style site so everyone can

express their views, comment on articles and post relevant articles, although approval from the Admins is required before a post is added.



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Emergency Telephone Numbers

mobile numbers are prefixed 0533 or 0542 or 0548
landline numbers are prefixed 0392

POLICE

Emergencies **155**
General 228 3411
Girne 815 2125
Lefkosa 228 3311
Gazi Mağusa 366 5310
Güzelyurt 714 2140
Lapta 821 8512

FIRE

Emergencies **199**
Forest Fire **177**
Girne 815 2111
Lefkosa 227 1259
Gazi Mağusa 366 5389
Güzelyurt 714 2200

AMBULANCE

Emergencies **112**

HOSPITAL

Girne 8152266/815 2254
Lefkoşa 228 5441;
Gazi Mağusa 3662876/3665328
Güzelyurt 714 2125

ELECTRICITY

Electrical faults **188**
Lefkoşa 225 3436
Girne 815 2223
Gazi Mağusa 366 5514
Güzelyurt 714 2122

WATER

Water problems:
Lefkoşa 228 3315
Girne 815 2118
Gazi Mağusa 366 4483
Güzelyurt 714 3516

Kyrenia Weather : 8-day Forecast

(from 20th to 27th March 2021)

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 19° 10°	 21° 13°	 22° 13°	 20° 12°
Wed 24th	Thu 25th	Fri 26th	Sat 27th
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Forthcoming Events

EASTER FUN DAY
SATURDAY 3RD APRIL
NOON – 4PM

- CRAFT STALLS
- FACE PAINTING
- TOMBOLA
- RAFFLE
- BEST EASTER BONNET COMPETITION
- EASTER TRAIL HUNT
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Plus Other Stalls & Attractions

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18th April 2021
11am

In teams of up to 4 people you will walk to and around the village for a max of 2 hours. Not only will you have a great time but you will complete easy challenges.

Starting and finishing at The Black Olive where lunch will be served.

Approx 5-6kms (max 4 miles)

100TL per person (incl lunch and a donation to Tulips)

For further info: 0542 854 8714

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The 11/11 Challenge

Each Committee member has taken on the challenge to raise 1100TL every month

Thursday 1st - Sunday 11th July 2021

The July Challenge has been organised by

Sharon Garfield

(Membership Secretary)



Sharon will be running 11km per day for 11 days

For more information and to sponsor Sharon please contact her on 0533 85301 39
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